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# Flight School

## **Howard Cadets Take Flight**

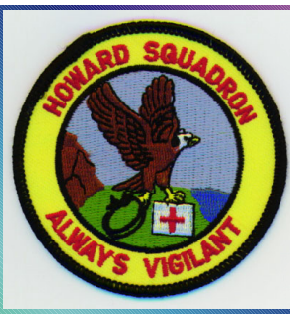
In the past quarter, four cadets from the Howard Composite Squadron successfully completed the week-long Maryland Wing Cadet Solo School in Hagerstown, MD. The cadets endured an aggressive program of flight training and ground instruction designed to prepare them for future certification as private pilots. After at least 12 hours of flight instruction, the program culminated in each cadet performing their first solo flight. Each cadet also successfully completed the rigorous FAA private pilot written examination, allowing them to continue training toward their flight certificate.

Earning their solo wings at this activity were Cadet Captain Daniel Steciak and Cadet First Lieutenant Avi Chandra who are the unit's cadet commander and cadet deputy commander respectively. Also earning their wings and scoring over 95% on their written exams were the units flight commanders, Cadet Second Lieutenants David Wainland and Emily Hudson. All four cadets are high achievers within the unit, serving in leadership positions and as examples for other cadets.

Another significant achievement for a squadron cadet was the completion of flight training for the unit's former cadet commander. Cadet Captain Daniel Proffen completed his final FAA flight examination on Saturday, 13 July earning his certificate as a fully qualified private pilot.



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### **Training Activities**

Howard Squadron personnel were also busy expanding their qualifications and emergency services capabilities. Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Rustin Rockstroh completed all of his requirements for certification as a ground search and rescue team member. Among the senior members, 2nd Lt Jack Foley also completed a long series of requirements and flight training for qualification as a search and rescue mission pilot. 1st Lt Robert Terry completed the CAP senior officer course with the Air University, receiving (3 months late) the Certificate of Proficiency.

## **Outings and Events**

Howard Squadron personnel were active as well in support of aerospace education activities such as the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) in Arlington, VA; and the AIAA sponsored Maryland Engineering Challenge for tethered "cargo" aircraft at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

### **Public Affairs and Activities**

Attending NCASE, 1st Lt Terry recovered a wealth of educational material and some support for a Wing NAR section to pursue model rocketry. Especially interesting were various opportunities for "distance learning" on aerospace topics offered by the NASA Langley Research Center and others.

Assisting at the Engineering Challenge were 1st Lt Terry and SM Lewers and C/Capt Steciak, C/1st Lt Chandra, C/2d Lt Wainland, C/TSgt Verble, C/Amn Crone, C/A1C Griffin, and C/A1C Disney. We were kept busy through a two phase competition on two flight circles and helped to interview contestants, weigh airplanes, enter data and keep the tether connected.





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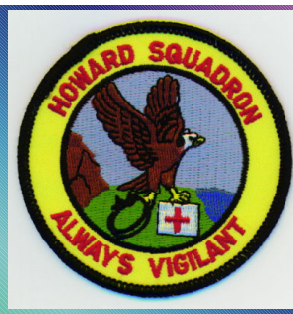
**Opening remarks, of course!    Brendon captured on film!**

**Looks like a meeting, but not all was jaw-jackin'. Some soccer got played, and here we test dielectric shielding of an ELT receiver!**





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On Saturday, June 8, we gathered at Waterloo Park near Rte 175 and I95 to enjoy a "day in the sun" and just hang out. A variety of activities emerged, most notably eating a lot of tasty contributed dishes, with many parents and senior members able to get much better acquainted than during the few moments available at a meeting or more formal event. The total attendance numbered perhaps 50 folks over the course of the day, so it would be hard to imagine this shouldn't be repeated.

Howard Squadron would like to thank all our members and friends who contributed to the picnic effort. Within a week of the event, with many on travel and vacation, the party looked a little dicey. It took only a moderate effort from any one of us, but when we put it all together, it even surprised the organizers!

### **Cadets:**

<b>Chandra, Avinash</b>	C/1 st Lt ;
<b>Crone, Grey</b>	Wright--C/SrA;
<b>Disney, Greg</b>	Curry --C/Amn;
<b>Haack, Daniel</b>	C/1st Lt ;
<b>Hudson, Emily</b>	Mitchell -- C/2d Lt;
<b>Kane, Dianna</b>	Arnold -- C/A1C;
<b>Kinnamon, Kelsey</b>	Arnold -- C/A1C;
<b>O'Malley, Kevin</b>	Curry -- C/Amn;
<b>Peterson, Josh</b>	Arnold -- C/A1C;
<b>Verble, Austin</b>	Lindbergh -- C/TSgt.

## **Promotions & Awards**

### **Quarterly Order of the Wingnut**

Awarded to Avi Chandra for conspicuous cultivation of friends in high places, insofar as he addressed our Wing Commander recently as "Larry".

